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Whether it is a result of the spirit of hatred which rode the winds of the world during the World War or due to some other cause or causes, there can be no question but that race prejudice has increased throughout the United States. Communities in which white and black dwelt together in good-will and amity, enjoying equality of civil and social privileges—using the word "social" in its larger meaning—and in which discriminations were at the minimum, have been invaded by the blighting miasma of race prejudice to such a degree that these pleasant relationships have been greatly disturbed. In many instances the old friendships remain unshaken, but the spirit and temper of the community have so changed that when one gets outside of this circle of friendship there is suspicion, distrust and unhappiness, which is tending toward bitterness. This bitterness and resentment to discrimination grows as the race advances in wealth, culture and refinement. Where will it all end? If opposition and discrimination will only make us more self-reliant and resourceful and strengthen us in nobler will and purpose, then they will prove a blessing in disguise. If, however, upon the other hand they cause us to become discouraged, indifferent, resentful and morose, then they will prove a curse to us and to the country of which we are citizens by right of birth and right of toil. It were folly to ignore the fact that prejudice is increasing, whatever the cause; but at the same time it were foolishness to permit it to curb our ambition to grow unto the full stature of noble manhood or to yield to either despair or bitterness. Rather let our attitude be: Prejudice be damned! In spite of it I shall bravely do my duty in whatever state of life I may be called to serve and achieve whatever heights for which my talents, character and endeavors prove me worthy, refusing to harbor bitterness towards any of God's creatures, or blighting my soul with unworthy sentiments or deeds, proving myself in every way a man, meriting the respect and esteem of my fellow men.

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We, as publishers, MUST comply with the law or pay the penalty.

BONDAGE OF TRADITION

Recently we were in conversation with a Christian gentleman, in the course of which he said something that made our heart go out to him with an emotion which is hard to describe. Someone had stated that they understood he was a member of the hooded hoodlums, "white, Protestant, Gentiles, etc. We told him what we had heard. Looking us straight in the eye, he said, "I was born in the South with all the narrow prejudices and traditions of the South and I cannot tell you the travail of soul I went through to free myself of those prejudices. That struggle was intense. It cost me too much for me to ever join any organization of any kind that would again bring my soul into that bondage from which by God's help it cost such a struggle to emancipate myself. No, I am not."

We did not know until he told us that he was of Southern birth—so cordial and broad-minded and void of prejudice had he always appeared not only in relationship with us but with others of our group. We had liked the man from our first meeting, so wholesouled, earnest and sincere did he appear, but this confession of his soul struggle won our heart. It revealed to us this truth—that all around us there are noble-hearted men, enslaved by narrow traditions, who by a mighty struggle break the chains which bind them and rise to a grandeur of character which not only ennoble them, but all those with whom they come in contact. Shall not this knowledge make us all more tolerant and charitable toward those with whom we differ? The bondage of tradition blights many an otherwise noble soul. It takes a strong will to rid one's soul of narrow prejudices and traditions. And to a greater or less degree, whoever we may be, we all need this emancipation.

Candidates for political office are as thick as fleas and some of them are quite as frisky.

MANY PRINCIPALS ARE IN HOLLYWOOD

Los Angeles—Contrary to general belief a large number of colored actors, both male and female, work on the movie lots here. The majority are "extras," but some hold good contracts and play prominent parts. Noble Johnson, star of "Trooper of Troop K," and several other features and serials who played the "Bronze Man" in "Ten Commandments," is working on a picture at the DeMille studio, Culver City. George Godfrey, famous heavyweight fighter, is working on

"Old Ironsides," being made at Catalina Island. "Baker," the well-known Los Angeles fighter, is still working at various studios. Carolyn Snowden, sensational dancer, has been featured in several good pictures lately and holds some good contracts. One of the colored performers who has probably worked in more pictures here than any other is Spencer Williams. He is now an immigration officer, but has worked constantly up until a few weeks past at all the big studios, principally De Mille. The latest big one he worked was as an island king in "The Black Pirate," now playing at Grauman's "Egyptian Theatre."

Retired After Teaching 51 Years.
Baltimore, Md.—George W. Biddle, 72, oldest public school teacher here, has been retired after 51 years' service. The Principals' association presented him with a gold watch. Mr. Biddle was the first Black American principal in the city.

UNVEILS LINCOLN FIGURE

Los Angeles.—Unveiling of the Abraham Lincoln statue presented to Los Angeles by the late Norman Bridge was the climax of Independence day celebrations at Lincoln park. Mrs. Julia Bracken Wendt sculptress, created the bronze statue. A great throng of colored and white people attended the ceremony.

LINCOLN NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Flo Forbes left last Thursday for Los Angeles, Cal., to visit the Misses Burdens.

Mrs. F. D. Forbes and Mrs. G. B. Todd left Sunday for Fort Scott, Kan., to attend the grand session of the Sir Knights and Daughters of Tabernacle.

Miss Cleo Delcher of Kansas City, Mo., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Odessa Johnson.

John W. Marshall left for Leavenworth Monday to visit his sister.

L. P. Gates is visiting his sisters in Des Moines, Ia.

Mrs. Lillian Miller has returned to the hospital for further treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Corneal entertained friends at dinner last Thursday in honor of their brother, A. L. Corneal of Portland, Ore.

The newly elected officers of the Negro Civic and Improvement League and a number of friends enjoyed a fine dinner at the home of Mrs. R. S. Johnson, 907 S street last Friday. The possibility of the nomination of T. T. McWilliams for representative of the 33rd district was boosted.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Young and brother, A. L. Corneal, spent Sunday in Omaha.

The Utopian Art club will meet with Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Adair, 1236 North 22nd street Thursday evening, July 22. Paper by Miss Margaret Lyons.

Quinn chapel is to be remodeled for future use. The work is to begin soon.

The Utopian Art club of Mount Zion Baptist church will hold their second annual picnic in F Street park August 4th.

CHICAGO TRIBUNE PUBLISHES POEM TO COUNTEE CULLEN

In the famous column, "A Line O' Type or Two" in the Chicago Daily Tribune of July 6th appeared a poem to Countee Cullen, the brilliant Negro poet. This column was originated by the late Bert Leston Taylor and was the first of the famous columns of modern newspaperdom. The poem of the famous column reads

TO COUNTEE CULLEN
It matters not if your skin is dark
As the midnight jungle track,
I thrill to the beat of the song you sing
Feeling the torture and rack
That sundered the souls of your brother slaves
For hundreds of dead years back.
Under the march of your musical lines,
Under the tread of their feet,
I hear the wind in the jungle pines
And the drone of the tom-tom's beat,
With ebon savages under the sun
In the shimmering tropic heat.
Chance gave you the soul of a minstrel fair
Housed in a blackamoor's frame,
With your heart tuned high to the upper air
Though a scion of scorn and shame,
Refusing an outcast's usual lot
And turning it into fame!
—The Faun.

Philadelphia, Pa.—(By the A. N. P.)—Lack of exercise, improper diet, and long hours of work are shortening the life of the American, Dr. J. Milton Raisbeck asserted here at the annual convention of the American Institute of Homeopathy.

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